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Mississauga student named Canada's Top Teen Philanthropist

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Sophia Gran-Ruaz, 17, is this year's winner of the nationwide search for Canada's Top Teen Philanthropist. At age 11, Gran-Ruaz started a charity that provides gift bags to children and youth in GTA shelters. She has given out more than 10,000 gift packages.

Each week for 60 minutes Sophia Gran-Ruaz is completely off limits.

"You can't even ask me my name," said Gran-Ruaz, the 17-year-old founder of a thriving children's charity, describing the hour she stops working and turns her focus to the TV show Grey's Anatomy.

The Grade 12 Mississauga student recently won Canada's Top Teen Philanthropist award, sponsored by Mackenzie Investments. The award came with $5,000 to put toward a charity of her choice and $1,000 for post-secondary education.

The hour of television is so she doesn't "burn out." She used to teach martial arts — she's a black belt in taekwondo — but her charity, Snug as a Bug, Kids Helping Kids, has become a full-time job.

It got started when, at age 11, inspired by her mother's work with victim services, she tried to volunteer. But she was too young.

"So I decided if I couldn't volunteer for someone else's charity, I would start my own."

Gran-Ruaz has a lot of support. When the charity kicked off, her stepfather drove her to businesses to solicit donations, and he still helps her get around.

Her mother acts as secretary, a team of volunteers helps pack the gifts, and a Toronto school has lent her its basement to store the donated items.

Most donations come from corporations, but individuals also give.

The idea is to give the packages to the kids shortly after they arrive at a shelter, "during those hours that are the biggest change for them."

Homelessness "can happen to anybody," Gran-Ruaz said.

She and her mother lived in a shelter when she was an infant after her father left.

"Luckily, I didn't have to stay too long," said Svenja Gran-Ruaz, 42, who owns a daycare business in Mississauga.

"I can tell you honestly, the people in the shelter are very nice, but they are limited in what they can do to help you."

Her daughter said most of the shelters they support are for battered women.

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Sophia Gran-Ruaz is the founder of Snug as a Bug, Kids Helping Kids, which provides care packages containing puzzles, games and toiletries to children and youth in GTA shelters. Since 2004, Snug as a Bug has given out more than 10,000 packages, with plans to send out 3,000 more in February.

Paying a pretty penny for a penny

AUCTION A rare Canadian penny is raking in the bids even before going up on the auction block.

The coin bearing the image of King George V has already garnered $160,000 US in online bids ahead of a public auction in New York City next week.

Heritage Auctions of Dallas expects the coin to sell for $300,000 or more when bidding ends Sunday. The company's director of world coin auctions says the cent is the finest of only three known 1936-dated pennies made by the Royal Mint with a small dot below the date.

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Turbulence continues with new rules at airports

A new rule against carry-on luggage is causing havoc and holdups for many before they even get to airport security areas.

U.S. customs agents are playing hardball when it comes to the new rule.

Airline agents in Toronto say travellers with bags and purses deemed too large are being sent back by customs agents and not allowed onto flights to the United States until the bags are checked.

At one point early yesterday at Pearson International Airport, according to several Air Canada ticket agents, there was a lineup with a 2½-hour wait to check in for American-bound flights.

The cause, according to an Air Canada agent, is many passengers having to repack their luggage right at the check-in counters to comply with the new "no carry-on luggage" rule.

Only small purses, laptops and a small list of items including medical supplies are now being allowed for carry-on. All rolling bags must be checked.

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New trial ordered for mother

A Toronto woman found guilty of second-degree murder in the bathtub drowning of her four-year-old autistic daughter has won a new trial after Ontario's Court of Appeal quashed her conviction. In a 3-0 decision, the appeal court ruled the judge in last year's murder trial of Xuan Peng made an error in her instructions to the jury that "effectively precluded" the jurors from considering a manslaughter verdict. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Staff return to shelter

Toronto Humane Society remains closed to the public indefinitely

There are more than 1,000 animals at the Toronto Humane Society, but only 50 to 60 are in any condition to be adopted right now, the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said yesterday.

The animal shelter has been closed to the public since a raid by the OSPCA last month, when several alleged cases of animal neglect were uncovered and seven animals had to be euthanized.

Tim Trow, the society's former president, and four senior employees were arrested and charged with animal cruelty.

A court ruling last week ordered staff and board members not charged with crimes be allowed back into the shelter. About 20 to 25 employees and 15 board members were allowed to return and resume administrative work yesterday, including paying bills, fundraising and responding to calls from members and donors, said humane society spokesman Ian McConachie.

But doors are still not open to the public, and the development of staff returning to work has prompted questions about when people will be able to adopt animals from the shelter.

OSPCA spokeswoman Rosaline Ryan said lead investigator Kevin Strooband told her yesterday due to disease, conditions, age and animal temperaments, only between 50 and 60 of the animals at the shelter are currently adoptable.

"I think there are areas for improvement, but there are areas that have improved," she said.

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Toronto Humane Society staff enter the building yesterday morning for the first time since November, when the River Street charity was raided and its president and four other senior staff were charged with animal cruelty.

Cold alert over, warmer temperatures on the way

The deep freeze has thawed slightly — enough for the city to end its extreme cold weather alert — but the GTA experienced an unmistakably wintery day yesterday.

A cold front swooped down from the Arctic Monday, numbing southern Ontario with plunging temperatures and bone-chilling winds.

By 6 a.m., the temperature was sitting at –15 C, but felt more like –25 C with the wind chill.

The temperature climbed into the afternoon, passing the –15 C threshold for the extreme cold weather alert.

Outreach workers were on the streets through the night, encouraging homeless people to move to shelters and city shelters opened 168 extra spaces to deal with an expected influx, but only 38 of those emergency beds were used, said city spokesperson Patricia Anderson.

Today's high is expected to be –2 C and tomorrow should see 1 C.

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Labour federation boss seeks probe of deaths

INVESTIGATION The president of the Ontario Federation of Labour wants a criminal investigation into the deaths of four migrant workers who fell to their death Christmas Eve in Toronto.

Sid Ryan is calling on Ontario's attorney general to investigate whether criminal negligence was a factor in the deaths of the four men.

They died when a scaffold they were working on broke apart.

A fifth man is in intensive care with two fractured legs and a broken spine.

Ryan says a criminal investigation could determine whether the men were provided with proper safety equipment and supervision.

He says federal legislation allows for criminal charges if it is determined that a company causes death or serious harm due to negligence.

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News in brief

CREBA The Crown is appealing the acquittals of four men charged with manslaughter in the Boxing Day 2005 shooting death of Jane Creba. Yesterday, Crown spokesperson Valerie Hopper confirmed the Crown is appealing the acquittals of all four men at the Ontario Court of Appeal. Grounds for the appeals, stated in notices filed in court, cannot be reported due to a publication ban. Two other men, who cannot be named, are still to be tried for second-degree murder in Creba's death.

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Toronto 18's final six face trial in 2010

The case of Canada's homegrown terror plot enters a major phase in 2010 with the trials upcoming for the final six suspects accused of attending a training camp and plotting to bomb various targets.

The prosecution of the so-called Toronto 18 seemed on shaky ground at the start of this year, with seven people no longer facing charges and one conviction of a youth called a peripheral member.

"Some people, I think on the basis of that set of events, leapt to the conclusion that maybe the government's case was falling apart, maybe there wasn't a serious plot here at all," said security and intelligence expert Wesley Wark.

But then came four surprise guilty pleas in fairly quick succession, with each of the young men admitting to roles in the plot to bomb the Toronto Stock Exchange and CSIS headquarters, as well as an unnamed Ontario military base in 2006.

What Wark found unexpected was the facts that some of the accused admitted to in court, illustrating the seriousness of the plot.

Court heard Zakaria Amara, 24, planned to rent U-Haul trucks, pack them with explosives and detonate them via remote control in downtown Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Afghanistan

- The goal of the planned destruction and carnage was to pressure Canada to withdraw troops from Afghanistan, suspect Saad Gaya, 22, told police.

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A parking enforcement officer waits on Murray Street near the rear entrance of Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital in this file photo.

Ontario motorists paying twice for tickets?

TRAFFIC Some Ontario drivers may have paid twice for old speeding or parking tickets, says the boss of a ticket-fighting firm.

Rolly Riopel of POINTTS — a Barrie firm that provides legal representation for people who want to fight their traffic violations — says "hundreds, maybe thousands" of Ontarians may have paid overdue traffic fines to both the province and their local municipality.

"If you haven't got a receipt, you have to pay it again."
Rolly Riopel, POINTTS

The Ontario government transferred enforcement of provincial offences to municipalities between 1999 and 2002 and many hired collection agencies to go after fines. Over a five-year period, at least 50 motorists have come into Riopel's office to complain they had already paid the province, but were still being hounded by municipalities.

"If you've got a receipt, no problem, (but) if you haven't got a receipt, you have to pay it again," Riopel said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boy hit by minivan in Regent Park

A three-year-old boy suffered serious injuries when he was hit by a minivan in Regent Park yesterday afternoon.

The child, his mother and older sister were crossing Shuter Street at a crosswalk when a westbound Dodge Caravan hit the boy, tossing him about 13 metres.

The boy was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children with neck, head and collarbone injuries around 2:45 p.m. The injuries were originally thought to be life-threatening, but police said later it appears that's not the case.

Police spokesperson Const. Tony Vella said based on preliminary information the overhead crosswalk lights were flashing.

"One thing that is beneficial is that the driver stayed. Sometimes, for whatever reason, people panic and leave the scene," Vella said.

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Ontarians, B.C. to see highest tax hikes

New Brunswickers are getting a present from the tax man next year, but most other Canadians are getting a lump of coal, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation says.

The federation's annual analysis of tax changes shows the vast majority of Canadians will see little change, some will see their taxes rise and only those in New Brunswick will realize noticeable savings.

"The main tax changes for 2010 involve small payroll increases and the HST (harmonized sales tax) in Ontario and B.C.," says federation director Kevin Gaudet.

"Meanwhile, large deficits and rising debt are putting pressures on governments to raise taxes further."

Most of the tax changes are occurring at the provincial level.

The sole major change coming from the federal government is a previously announced reduction in corporate taxes, which fall to 18 per cent starting Jan. 1 from 19 per cent.

> **"Middle-class families (will get) slammed by the HST."** Kevin Gaudet, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Residents of Ontario and British Columbia will see some modest changes to their tax brackets and a higher basic personal deduction for income taxes.

But while these will provide modest relief, especially to those in the low-income bracket, "middle-class families (will get) slammed by the HST" when it comes into effect July 1, Gaudet said.

Most Canadians, except New Brunswickers, will see little difference in terms of federal and provincial personal taxes.

The most noticeable change will be a $44 increase in premiums for employment insurance and the Canada Pension Plan on workers making more than $47,200, due to bracket creep.

Residents of New Brunswick, however, will realize tax savings from their provincial government's decision to slice tax brackets across the board.

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News in brief

CLOSING Book retailer McNally Robinson announced yesterday it's closing two of its Canadian stores, one in Don Mills and one in Winnipeg, which "proved substantially unprofitable." The Toronto store at the Shops at Don Mills opened just this spring and represented the company's first foray into Ontario.

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The Nova Scotia government is giving the public another way to monitor weather and road conditions on the notorious Cobequid Pass. The pass on Highway 104 will join a list of almost 50 locations in the province that are monitored by highway cameras. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Byelection in Winnipeg promised

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, left, is promising to call a byelection in northeast Winnipeg soon. Selinger says people in the Concordia constituency deserve to be represented in the legislature, and a vote will be held in the first three months of 2010. The seat was held by former premier Gary Doer, who stepped down in the fall to become Canada's new ambassador to the United States.

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Probe continues into slaying of mobster's son

CRIME Montreal homicide detectives are continuing their investigation into the slaying of a prominent member of Canada's most powerful Mafia clan.

Nick Rizzuto, the eldest son of Vito Rizzuto, was gunned down Monday in a gritty west-end neighbourhood.

Vito Rizzuto, the reputed head of the Montreal Mafia, is serving a sentence in the United States for racketeering related to three Mafia murders.

A spokeswoman with the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons says Rizzuto could ask to attend his son's funeral.

Experts say the slaying is likely to be met with reprisals.

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SCANLIFE

Nick Rizzuto's killing is a crucial test for the Montreal Mafia as rivals line up to replace the leaderless organization. Scan this barcode for the full story.

Military-caused deaths down in Afghanistan

CIVILIANS The insurgent war has taken a devastating toll on Afghan civilians this year, but the proportion of deaths caused by the international military coalition declined, latest United Nations figures show.

The numbers suggest efforts by coalition forces to minimize non-combatant casualties — a key Taliban propaganda tool — are paying off.

In the first 10 months of this year, a total of 2,038 Afghan civilians died in the ongoing conflict — almost 11 per cent more than in the same period last year, according to the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

It was not immediately clear if Canadian forces were responsible for any of the deaths.

Clash over deaths

- Afghan government and foreign military officials sparred yesterday over reports that 10 civilians died during a military operation — claims that further inflamed public sentiment against the international military presence as thousands more troops prepare to deploy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What the grim figures do indicate is that the proportion of civilians killed by insurgent action has risen to about 70 per cent from 55 per cent last year.

At the same time, the proportion of deaths at the hands of the international coalition has fallen by almost half — to about 20 per cent from 40 per cent.

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News in brief

CHARGED A 14-year veteran of the Hamilton police force has been arrested and charged after an SUV crashed through a fence at a townhouse complex last Sunday. Officer Kim Walker, 41, is charged with impaired driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

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Two Ottawa police investigators look over the scene early yesterday morning where a police officer was stabbed to death at the emergency entrance to the Ottawa Civic Hospital. A pool of blood can be seen in the foreground with a knife, gun, notebook, glove and flashlight.

Cop stabbed to death

Ex-Mountie in custody after attack in Ottawa

A former Mountie is in custody after a police officer on a routine call was ambushed and stabbed to death outside a hospital in the bitter cold and dark.

Const. Ireneusz (Eric) Czapnik, 51, died at 5:30 a.m., shortly after he was attacked while sitting in his cruiser taking notes.

The father of four was described as a "jovial" officer who patrolled the city's east division, and was active in the local Polish community.

"There's no rationale, there's no reason," said Ottawa police Chief Vern White, recalling the painful meeting he had yesterday with the officer's family and friends.

Four paramedics, some of them women, interrupted the stabbing and were able to apprehend a suspect outside the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital, in the city's west end.

"I think someone was hell-bent on something occurring, and they ensured that it happened."
Vern White, Ottawa police chief

Kevin Gregson, 43, is in custody and is expected to appear in an Ottawa court today to face charges in connection with the slaying.

"I think someone was hell-bent on something occurring, and they ensured that it happened," White told a news conference. "And it cost a very good officer, and man and father, his life."

Czapnik joined the police force in his late 40s after a career in retail. A Polish immigrant, he moved to Canada in 1990 and eventually followed in the footsteps of his father, who was an officer in Poland for 30 years.

Eric Czapnik

His wife, Anna Korutowska, tearfully described her husband as a "very, very good man, and it's so hard to lose a very, very good man."

There was no apparent connection between Czapnik and the suspect, White said.

Gregson has been before the courts previously. He received a conditional discharge in 2007 for pulling a knife on a Mormon church official in Regina the year before.

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Snow, heavy wind create problems in London area

Police in and around London, Ont., were kept busy responding to crashes yesterday as drivers coped with snow whipped by gusting winds. Police report there were at least 24 crashes — but no serious injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Climate change walkout did happen, says chief negotiator

Canada's lead climate change negotiator told senior officials that a walkout by some countries at global warming talks in Thailand "certainly happened," even as their boss was on TV denying the account, a newly released document shows.

The Canadian Press reported in the fall that dozens of countries left the room after the Canadian delegation suggested replacing the Kyoto Protocol with a new global warming pact.

The United States, the European Union, Japan, Australia and others share Canada's position.

What to do with Kyoto was a major sticking point between the rich and developing world at the recent climate talks in Copenhagen.

But cracks were already forming in the weeks and months leading to Copenhagen.

After the walkout story appeared, Environment Minister Jim Prentice told CBC the events "did not happen" as described.

A high-ranking official at Environment Canada emailed Michael Martin, Canada's chief negotiator and ambassador for climate change, that same day to find out just what happened.

"It was not a response to Canada's position alone, but rather to that of all developed countries on the future of the (Kyoto Protocol)," Martin wrote back.

"It certainly happened."

"It was not a response to Canada's position alone, but rather to that of all developed countries on the future of the (Kyoto Protocol)." Michael Martin, on the alleged climate-change walkout

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Picket line **Keeping warm**

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Striking United Steel Worker local 6500 members Paxton Sarazin, left, and Chris Pellinen keep warm yesterday at the Vale Inco Clarabelle Mill picket line in Sudbury. About 3,200 steelworkers have been on strike since July 13.

Inquiry can fault officers involved in Taser death: Court

VANCOUVER The former judge conducting a provincial inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski can find misconduct against the RCMP officers involved.

The B.C. Court of Appeal upheld a lower court ruling yesterday rejecting the RCMP's argument that Thomas Braidwood had no jurisdiction to make the findings because his provincial inquiry doesn't have authority over the federal force.

Dziekanski died after he was zapped multiple times with an RCMP Taser at the Vancouver airport in 2007. He had been acting erratically after being stranded at the airport for hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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N. Korea confirms it has detained American
North Korea acknowledged yesterday it had detained an American for illegally entering the country, news welcomed by relatives of an Arizona missionary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Privacy worries put scanners on hold

Technology might have stopped terror plot

High-tech security scanners that might have prevented the Christmas Day attempt to blow up a jetliner have been installed in only a small number of airports around the world, in large part because of privacy concerns over the machines' capability to see through clothing.

The body-scanning technology is in at least 19 U.S. airports, while European officials have generally limited it to test runs.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian accused of trying to ignite explosives aboard a Northwest Airlines jet as it was coming in for a landing in Detroit, did not go through such a scan where his flight began, at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport.

The full-body scanner "could have been helpful in this case, absolutely," said Evert van Zwol, head of the Dutch Pilots Association.

The technology has raised protests among privacy watchdogs because it can show the body's contours with embarrassing clarity. Those fears have slowed the introduction of the machines.

Jay Stanley, public education director for the American Civil Liberties Union's Technology and Liberty Program, said the machines essentially perform "virtual strip searches that see through your clothing and reveal the size and shape of your body."

Abdulmutallab passed through a routine security check at the gate in Amsterdam before boarding, officials said. He is believed to have tucked into his trousers or underwear a small bag holding PETN explosive powder, and possibly a liquid detonator.

Because such items will not set off metal detectors, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, part of the Department of Homeland Security, has begun installing advanced scanning machines that screen airline passengers without physical contact. They can reveal plastic or chemical explosives and non-metallic weapons.

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Leaders lacking

- Two federal agencies charged with keeping potential terrorists off airplanes and out of the United States have been without their top leaders for nearly a year. It took the Obama administration more than eight months to nominate anyone to lead the Transportation Security Administration and the Customs and Border Protection agency.

Too early to proclaim pandemic's end: WHO

Flu Outbreak

H1N1 Many more people could become sick with swine flu this winter even though it has peaked in North America and some European countries, the head of the World Health Organization said yesterday.

The worst of the swine flu outbreak is over in the United States, Canada, Britain and some other countries in the northern hemisphere, said Dr. Margaret Chan.

But there is still intensive flu activity in Egypt, India and elsewhere, she said.

"It is too premature and too early for us to say we have come to an end of the pandemic influenza worldwide," Chan told reporters. Health experts should monitor the pandemic for another six to 12 months, she said, adding that the virus could still mutate and become more dangerous.

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Dr. Margaret Chan, director general of the World Health Organization, speaks yesterday during a press conference at the WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

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ScanLife
Internet posts reveal Nigerian bomb suspect to be 'depressed' and 'lonely' ahead of attempted attack. Scan this barcode for the full story.

News in brief

MALAWI Officials in Malawi say they have arrested two men for celebrating their engagement to each other in the conservative southern African country. Attorney General Jane Ansah said the men were charged with indecency. Those convicted under the law can get five to 14 years in jail. Human rights activist Gift Trapence said the men will appear in court Monday and his group will attempt to seek bail before that.

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Polish authorities suspect Swedish link in Auschwitz theft

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British man executed

China brushed aside international appeals yesterday and executed by lethal injection a British drug smuggler who relatives say was mentally unstable and unwittingly lured into crime.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he was "appalled" at the execution of 53-year-old Akmal Shaikh — China's first of a European citizen in nearly 60 years. His government summoned the Chinese ambassador in London to express its anger.

China defended its handling of the case, saying there had not been documentary proof Shaikh was mentally ill. Beijing also criticized Brown's comments, but said it hoped the case would not harm bilateral relations. The Foreign Ministry called on London not to create any "obstacles" to better ties.

Shaikh's daughter, Leilla Horsnell, was quoted by the BBC and other British media outlets as saying she was "shocked and disappointed that the execution went ahead with no regards to my dad's mental health problems, and I struggle to understand how this is justice."

Last week, a court sentenced the co-author of a political reform manifesto to 11 years in prison in what rights groups called a direct rebuff to international pressure. Diplomats from more than a dozen countries were shut out of Liu Xiaobo's trial on subversion charges.

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Growing clout

- The execution is the latest sign of how China's communist government, with its rising global economic and political clout, is increasingly willing to defy Western complaints over its justice system and human rights record.

U.S. Chilly in Philly

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A woman braces herself against a cold gust of wind yesterday in Philadelphia.

38 die in sect fighting

NIGERIA Fighting between Islamic militants and security forces in northern Nigeria left at least 38 people dead as sect members armed with spears, knives, assault rifles and arrows ransacked a neighbourhood and set homes ablaze, police officials said yesterday.

Mohammed Barau, a police spokesman for Bauchi state, said members of the Kata Kalo sect began fighting among themselves and accusing each other of causing their leader to fall seriously ill. He corrected earlier official statements that the arrest of the sect leader prompted the clash.

The fighting spread into the streets of a poor neighbourhood near the city of Bauchi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fire at Indian lab kills two
A fire broke out in a chemical laboratory at India's main nuclear research facility yesterday, killing at least two people, an official said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No security for leader

Arrests made as Iran cracks down on opposition

Iranian security forces have limited the movements of a leading opposition figure by refusing to protect him when he leaves his home, his son said yesterday as authorities broadened their crackdown with a new wave of arrests that included the sister of Nobel peace laureate Shirin Ebadi.

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A picture of Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is crossed out yesterday as demonstrators protest against the current Iranian government in front of the Iranian embassy in Rome.

Iran's worst internal violence in three decades has grown increasingly violent and bitter in the wake of clashes Sunday that left at least eight people dead. Security forces also arrested a relative of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi yesterday, while government supporters held rallies in at least three cities.

Iran accused the U.S. and Britain of fomenting the violence, threatening to "slap" Britain in the face as it summoned the British ambassador to an urgent meeting.

The son of leading opposition figure Mahdi Karroubi told The Associated Press by telephone that guards assigned to his father by Iranian police stopped providing security for him Monday when he goes out, apparently under police orders. Police have for years provided leading opposition figures with security.

Taghi Karroubi said the measure means his father cannot go outside safely, calling it a "quasi-house arrest." If Karroubi does go out unprotected he risks attack by hardline government supporters. His car was attacked Saturday when he went out, and the assailants shattered his front windshield.

Karroubi and opposition leader Mousavi were the two defeated reformist candidates in the disputed June 12 presidential election, which set off the worst unrest in Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. The new arrests added to rising tensions with the West, which is threatening to impose tough new sanctions over Iran's suspect nuclear program and has criticized the violent crackdown on anti-government protesters.
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Cross your legs and hope for the best

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Hey you. Yes, you. The one standing in the lineup for your holiday flight to Disney World/Hawaii/New York.

Been waiting long?

That long, eh?

I bet you're starting to wonder why you didn't just stay home and spend your vacation money on that 66-inch HD TV that costs the same as a vacation in Florida. You could watch Disney movies and go to the bathroom anytime you like.

You can thank Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab and the "Arabian Peninsular" branch of al-Qaida for the wait. Umar, in case you haven't heard, is the now infamous crotch bomber, eclipsing the shoe bomber, Richard Reid, for Annoying Terrorist of the Decade. Clever Umar, he got in just under the wire.

He tried to blow up his underwear, but was stopped by some quick-thinking passengers who, unlike airport security, recognize a Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire when they see one.

As it is, we're lucky. If Osama Bin Laden wasn't so cheap he would send his terrorists first class or business class. They would all be whisked through check-in security lineups, enjoy priority baggage handling and offered free booze on the way to "paradise."

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration, embarrassed by its failure to stop a suspected terrorist from boarding a plane to Detroit, has decided to take it out on Canadians (and just about every other flyer in the world — heads of state and their families are exempt, for now), imposing a draconian regime that makes even boarding a Greyhound to Winnipeg seem more attractive.

The TSA has decided that preventing you from going to the bathroom in the last hour of your flight, no matter how badly you have to go, is an effective deterrent to terror. Just sit there in your own puddle and stop whining.

Meanwhile, al-Qaida has figured out that you don't actually have to blow up the plane to win the war. You just have to try to blow up your shorts and western civilization collapses anyway. It doesn't really matter that, according to the website Gizmodo, the chance of being the victim of a terrorist attack is one in 10,408,947, or one attack every 11.5 billion miles, or one attack every 3,105 years.

Compare: The chance of getting hit by lightning is only one in 500,000. According to those odds, the TSA should shut down all flights if lightning is forecast. Better yet, get under your bed and stay there until the threat is over.

And no going to the bathroom!

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Word on the street: What would you like to see happen in 2010?

Marycris Rudy
Toronto

A: I want the economy to pick up more ... Personally, I want more babies to be born. I'd like to see people be more family-oriented than business-oriented.

Nadia Kovac
Toronto

A: It would be great to not change anymore (diapers) and get a full night of sleep ... However, having a healthy two-year-old and two-month-old makes me super thankful.

Chuck McManus
Toronto

A: I'd like to see the whole world smarten up and live in peace. There's too much crap going on. Nobody trusts anybody ... We want to be above Don Cherry. We don't want to be below him.

Naffele Nikita
Toronto

A: I would like to see people take responsibility for themselves, their actions, their lives, their bodies ... People tend to continually complain about the same things yet they never take the steps to make the changes in their life.

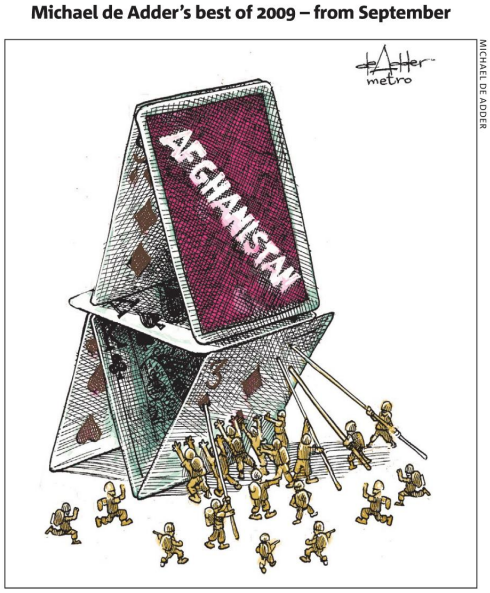
Betsabé Zuiderreen
Toronto

A: I don't want to work in 2010. How's that?

Louise Lozon
Toronto

A: On a personal level, I'd like to become a grandmother. I'm still waiting. On a global level, I'd like to see more outreach to the poor.

Michael de Adder's best of 2009 – from September



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Wind farms deal completed
Electricity producer Boralex Inc. said yesterday that it has teamed with new European partner Cube Infrastructure Fund to buy three wind farms in France for $115 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Car sales to spike in '11: Report

Demand from China, India and Brazil will help boost auto industry

Global auto sales will reach record highs by 2011, helping to boost Canadian vehicle assembly rates by as much as 30 per cent, according to a new report by Scotia Economics.

In its monthly Global Auto Report, released yesterday, Scotiabank said a combination of fiscal and monetary stimulus, a recovering global economy and improving access to credit will continue to lift vehicle sales next year.

This "will enable 2010 car sales to recapture half of the ground lost over the past two years, setting the stage for record volumes in 2011," the report says.

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An employee assembles car parts on the production line at a factory of Chinese automaker JAC Motors in Hefei, China.

If accurate, the prediction marks a dramatic turnaround in the fortunes of the global auto industry, which was hit particularly hard by the recession as consumers deferred purchases of big-ticket items like new cars.

Increasing demand for new vehicles in developing countries like China, India and Brazil will lead the recovery for the foreseeable future, said senior Scotiabank economist and auto industry expert Carlos Gomes.

"The developing nations used to sell only about four million vehicles (a year) a decade ago and as of next year we're expecting that to be above 15 million," Gomes said in an interview. "So you can clearly see that that is where the growth has been, and because the vehicle penetration rates are still very low in these countries, that's where the growth will continue to come from going forward."

That's not to say the North American auto markets won't see a marked improvement in vehicles sales as well.

In Canada, Gomes predicted a 30 per cent increase in vehicle production in 2010, with a concurrent improvement in employment levels. This has already started to take hold, with General Motors Canada recalling laid-off workers at its plants in Ingersoll and Oshawa, and Toyota Canada hiring 800 new employees at its plant in Woodstock.

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Materials sector drops TSX

STOCK MARKETS The Toronto stock market posted a modest loss yesterday as the materials sector pressured the main index.

Traders getting back to work following a four-day break pushed the S&P/TSX composite index down 52.8 points to 11,701.81.

The main index charged ahead about 2.5 per cent last week to within a handful of points of its highs for the year.

Even after yesterday's showing, the TSX is still up about 30 per cent year to date.

"It's been a very good year," said Chris King, portfolio manager at Morgan, Meighen and Associates, who cautioned that pace of gains won't keep up in 2010.

"I think 12, 18 months out, we will look at a decent return on an average year but we certainly won't have any sort of the recovery that we had this year."

Investors also took in major deal making in the mining sector while U.S. data on home prices and consumer confidence came in largely as expected, showing a gradual improvement in the economy.

The gold sector dropped 2.25 per cent as the February bullion contract on the Nymex declined $9.80 to $1,098.10 US an ounce. Barrick Gold Inc. fell 98 cents to $41.47.

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Dow Jones down

- The Dow Jones industrial average was off 1.67 points to 10,545.41, while the Nasdaq composite index was 2.68 points lower to 2,288.4.

Tylenol Arthritis recall expanded

DRUGS Johnson&Johnson is expanding a voluntary recall of Tylenol Arthritis Caplets due to consumer reports of a mouldy smell that can cause nausea and stomach pain.

According to a statement on the Food and Drug Administration website, the New Brunswick, N.J., company is now recalling all product lots of the Arthritis Pain Caplet 100-count bottles with the red EZ-Open Cap.

The recall does not affect Canada, according to a spokeswoman from McNeil Consumer Healthcare, the Johnson&Johnson division that markets Tylenol products in Canada.

Johnson&Johnson had recalled five lots of the product in the U.S. last month.

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O2 sorry for dropped mobile calls

NETWORK The head of mobile phone operator O2 has apologized to customers in the British capital who were unable to make calls after the group's network was swamped by people using smartphones.

In an interview published in the Financial Times newspaper yesterday, O2 chief executive Robert Dunne said some customers in London had periodically not been able to make or receive calls or transmit data because of pressure on the network from smartphones such as the iPhone.

The network problems in the second half of the year were blamed on increased use of applications by customers with smartphones that repeatedly pull data off the Internet at short intervals.

However, O2 said the situation had improved during December after it invested 30 million pounds ($48 million) in improving the network capability.

O2's exclusive contract to market the Apple handset in Britain expired in November. O2, which is owned by Spain's Telefonica, is Britain's largest mobile phone operator, with 21 million customers.

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Business in brief

MINING Canadian-based gold miner Iamgold Corporation says it has completed the acquisition of another three per cent stake in the Sadiola Gold Mine in the West African country of Mali, raising its stake in the mine to 41 per cent. The company said it had acquired the extra stake in Societe d'Exploitation des Mines d'Or de Sadiola S.A. from International Finance Corporation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rockets looking to trade McGrady

The Houston Rockets acknowledge they are trying to trade Tracy McGrady after the former Raptor asked the team to deal him. General manager Daryl Morey says the Rockets "have agreed to look into trade opportunities and have granted him an indefinite leave from team activities." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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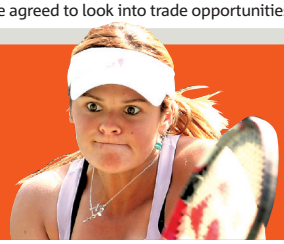

Wozniak top female athlete

Aleksandra Wozniak, left, knocked off the reigning French Open champion, beat three other top-15 tennis players and sent a former world No. 1 packing in her swan-song tournament. Wozniak's breakthrough season has earned her The Canadian Press female athlete of the year award for 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Leafs, Quinn meet again

TONIGHT'S GAME

Leafs at **Oilers**

Forgive Pat Quinn for not being in the mood to stroll down memory lane about his past with the Toronto Maple Leafs. He's got his hands full with the Edmonton Oilers.

When the Maple Leafs come calling at Rexall Place tonight, it will mark the first time Quinn has faced the franchise he won 300 games with as a coach since he was fired after the 2005-06 season.

Seven seasons coaching the Maple Leafs represent mostly good memories for Quinn, but with the Oilers in the throes of a seven-game losing slide that has them 15th in the Western Conference, he has more pressing matters.

"We're concentrating on our team here," Quinn said when asked about facing the Maple Leafs. "I will always have great memories of my time there and the people who were involved.

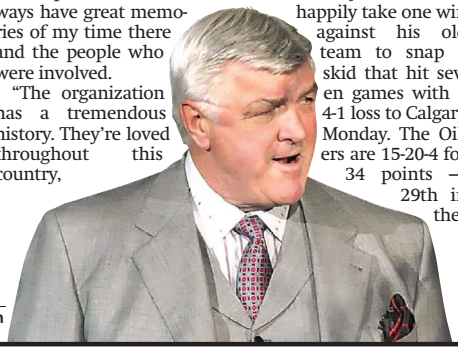
"The organization has a tremendous history. They're loved throughout this country, there's no question about it, but my thoughts are right here."

Quinn, 66, led the Maple Leafs to the playoffs in six of his seven seasons in Toronto from 1998-99 to 2005-06, compiling a record of 300-196-52-26 on the way to two conference finals.

These days, he would happily take one win against his old team to snap a skid that hit seven games with a 4-1 loss to Calgary Monday. The Oilers are 15-20-4 for 34 points — 29th in the NHL standings.

"The microscope is not any different here," Quinn said, asked about the pressure of coaching in Edmonton compared to Toronto.

"There might be more (media) outlets as far as Toronto is concerned, but it's no different. We have an active media. I'd like to be able to tell them a better story lots of days, but we're in the process of making this a better team. It's been a struggle the last seven games." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Pat Quinn

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Decision day looms for Olympic hockey roster

The gut-wrenching wait is about to end for the 30 or more NHL players considered candidates for Canada's Olympic hockey team.

Executive director Steve Yzerman and his staff gathered yesterday for a final meeting to decide on the 23-man roster that will compete for Canada at the Vancouver Winter Games in February.

The announcement will be made at noon today at the WorldFest venue at the world junior hockey championship in Saskatoon. Canada's Olympic broadcast consortium will have exclusive rights to the announcement, which will be carried live on some 13 networks, including CTV, TSN and Rogers Sportsnet.

While most of the players are obvious picks, there are really only two who are beyond discussion — Pittsburgh Penguins centre Sidney Crosby and Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils goaltender who is the NHL's all-time leader in wins and shutouts.

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On the bubble

- Vincent Lecavalier (Tampa Bay) has picked up his scoring, but he looks to be out of contention.
- Eric Staal (Carolina) has all the talent to make it and his brother Jordan (Pittsburgh) may be the physical checking forward they want.
- Many like young Jonathan Toews (Chicago) to make the team for his skill, reliability and promise for the future.

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Texas Tech coach seeks to override suspension

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach is seeking a temporary restraining order that would allow him to coach in the Alamo Bowl Saturday. University officials suspended Leach Monday while the school investigates a complaint, which reportedly accused Leach of forcing a player with a concussion to stand in a small, dark place while the team practised. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hall scores hat trick for Canada

Taylor Hall scored his first three goals of the tournament and set up another as Canada breezed to an 8-2 victory over Slovakia last night for its third straight win at the world junior hockey championship.

The Windsor Spitfires phenom, expected to go first overall at the NHL draft, brought a shower of hats from the Credit Union Centre crowd of 13,232 when he scored his third goal late in the second period on a deft cut to the middle on a rush and backhand shot from the slot.

Alex Pietrangelo, Luke Adam, Ryan Ellis, Braydon Schenn and Stefan Della-Rovere also scored for Canada, which conceded its first goals in three games when Richard Panik scored on a second period power play and Martin Bakos added a late goal for Slovakia (1-2).

The win set up a clash between 3-0 teams as Canada faces the United States tomorrow with first place in their preliminary round group on the line. The winner gets a bye to the semifinals.

In earlier games, the U.S. downed winless Latvia 12-1. In Group B in Regina, the Czech Republic (1-2) downed Austria (0-3) by 7-1, and Sweden (3-0) defeated Russia (2-1) by 4-1.

Coach Willie Desjardins made the surprise decision to start Martin Jones in goal after Jake Allen started the first two games — blowout wins over Latvia and Switzerland. The rangy Calgary Hitman goalie was sharp in facing 27 shots — two more than Canada allowed in the first two games combined.

It didn't go so well for Slovak starter Marek Ciliak, who was yanked in favour of Tomas Halasz after allowing three goals on only four shots.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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U.S. 12 Latvia 1
Sweden 4 Russia 1
Canada 8 Slovakia 2

Sports in brief

SPEEDSKATING Cindy Klassen won't get a chance to repeat her five-medal feat at the Winter Games. The Winnipeg skater finished fourth in the 1,000 metres yesterday with a time of one minute 16.47 seconds, just missing out on a spot for the Olympic team at the Canadian single distance championships.

BAY Free agent Canadian slugger Jason Bay and the New York Mets have reached a preliminary agreement, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press yesterday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because Bay must pass a physical for the deal to be completed. The three-time all-star is expected to sign a four-year contract for about $65 million US.

LIVERPOOL Fernando Torres' 50th English Premier League goal in stoppage time clinched Liverpool's 1-0 victory at Aston Villa and moved his side to within four points of Champions League berths yesterday. Liverpool moved up to seventh, two points behind sixth-place Villa and City, and a further two adrift of Tottenham, which was in the fourth Champions League spot.

SLOVAKIA Chicago Blackhawks winger Marian Hossa will lead Slovakia at February's Vancouver Olympics. Hossa is one of 12 NHL players on the 23-player roster announced yesterday. Also headlining the team are Boston Bruins defenceman Zdeno Chara and New York Rangers forward Marian Gaborik, who is tied for the NHL lead in goals.

SPENGLER Waterloo native Ahren Spylo scored a hat trick as German club Adler Mannheim handed Canada its first loss of the Spengler Cup international hockey tournament yesterday. Daniel Steiner and Francois Methot also scored in Mannheim's 5-2 win. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Gender and age affects how some say they were impacted by the recession

Women (21 per cent) are more likely than men (15 per cent) to say the recession impacted them according to an Ipsos Reid poll, while middle-aged Canadians (23 per cent) are more likely than those older or younger to say that they were affected. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Recession's diverse effects

Albertans (28 per cent), British Columbians (21 per cent) and Ontarians (21 per cent) are the most likely to indicate that the recession affected them a lot, while fewer Atlantic Canadians (18 per cent), Quebecers (11 per cent) and residents of Saskatchewan and Manitoba (seven per cent) say the same, according to an Ipsos Reid poll recently released.

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Optimism in the job market for 2010, poll shows

WORKPLACE It was a tough year for many Canadians, with job losses mounting, investments falling in value and a new-found sense of frugality.

A new Ipsos Reid poll found that 65 per cent of Canadians said that the economy affected them.

Further, 14 per cent Canadians say that they personally lost their job in 2009, and an equal proportion says someone else in their household lost their job. It appears that, by the end of the year, some of those job losses might have been mitigated, with 14 per cent indicating that they got a job in 2009.

Looking ahead to next year, 73 per cent agree that they are "optimistic that 2010 will be a good year for creating jobs and getting people back to work." Just 27 per cent disagreed.

Thinking about their own personal finances, two in three agree that their "personal economic outlook for 2010 is bright." While the other third disagreed that their personal outlook is bright.

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Year in workplace law review

WorkplaceLaw

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As we look back on a busy year, we all received some good advice, but often never got around to following it. Since the holidays are a time to reflect, I'm giving you a second chance. Here is some advice for employees in 2010:

Oral Agreements: Promises or understandings not made in writing are too easily denied or construed in a manner that does not reflect the initial bargain. If you want to rely on a promise you get from your employer, get it in writing, don't leave it to a handshake or memory.

Workplace Investigations: In at least two cases I've written about this year, the employee lost his case, not because of his misconduct, but because he lied about it during the ensuring investigation. Often, the initial allegations would not have led to dismissal but dishonesty during an investigation does.

There are just as many ways to ensure success as there are to ensure failure in workplace law.

Resignations: Courts continue to find that uttering the words "I quit" does not necessarily make it so. Unless you clearly wish to leave your job, you can challenge an assertion that you have resigned, if that was not your true intention.

Overtime: In 2009 we may have finally seen the end of overtime class action lawsuits, when an Ontario court refused to certify a group of CIBC employees. Employees can still claim overtime pay. However, in light of this ruling, you should consider doing so individually instead of as a group.

Credibility: Most workplace disputes arise because of a disagreement about what did or did not actually occur. Courts continue to support the claims of employees who took notes immediately following important conversations or events.

Privacy Rights: In a few recent cases, employees' privacy rights collided with an employers' right to monitor its workplace. While employers do retain the right to monitor their employees, it must only be done where there are reasonable grounds to believe surveillance is necessary. In one case, the employee was wrongfully dismissed when her employer installed a secret camera in her office.

Severance is not based on a rule of thumb: Courts do not assess severance based on a formula, such as one month per year of service. It is based on factors such as age, tenure, your position and your relative employability.

No free consultation: In law, as in life, you get what you pay for. If you want sound legal advice, don't be lured into promises of free consultations.

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Mustang evolves

Ford has announced that the 2011 Mustang GT will use an all-new, advanced 5.0-litre V8 engine, delivering 412 horsepower but with better fuel consumption than the previous model.

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Suzuki Kizashi a mixed bag

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Suzuki's upcoming sporty sedan offers great steering and handling — but no manual gearbox

Suzuki might be known mainly for sport utility vehicles, ATV's and other assorted power-toys — but they're gearing up for an assault on the mid-sized sedan market in the very near future. Their latest model is called the Kizashi, and its goal is to put some flare and excitement into the market.

It's pronounced KEY-zashi, if you're wondering — and it's Japanese for "something great is coming."

Compared to much of its intended competition, Kizashi looks youthful, athletic and alert. A wide stance visually sticks it to the road, and the huge exhaust tips wouldn't look out of place on the latest supercar.

Inside, the pre-production tester was loaded with automatic climate control, heated power leather seats, and parking radar.

All Kizashi models get a 2.4-litre, four-cylinder engine that cranks out a generous 180 horsepower. All Canadian models come with All Wheel Drive (AWD), and a CVT transmission. The latter isn't a favorite among driving enthusiasts, but a take-rate of less than five per cent on manual gearboxes in Kizashi's market made it this way. Stick-shift nuts can be alarmed: Our transmission of choice is disappearing.

The Kizashi is Suzuki's attempt to make inroads into the mid-sized sedan market.

Thankfully, the CVT offers a paddle-shiftable manual mode that's actually fun to use.

Ditto the chassis. Kizashi's engineers say they benchmarked Volkswagen and Alfa Romeo for stability and handling with the goal of creating the best chassis in its class.

After a few moments alone with the Kizashi and a twisty road, it becomes apparent that its manners are nailed down. The car feels heavy and locked-on while the steering itself is mischievously light and eager. Big steering motions happen with little wheel input, and it all feels nicely matched to the weight and size of the car.

Kizashi's body stays relatively flat, even during aggressive emergency manoeuvres at a good clip. It rotates nicely when pushed into intentional lift-off oversteer, too.

High-performance Dunlop SP Sport tires helped deliver no-fuss grip, even at livelier-than-advisable cornering speeds. The ride is stiff and abrupt on some surfaces, but those who appreciate a good bend in the road won't mind the trade-off one bit.

In a variety of back-to-back handling tests against key competitors, the Kizashi felt like a natural. It's instantly sharper and more agile than many — though being the smallest car in the group certainly helps.

The Mazda 6 and Subaru Legacy are likely the biggest threats in the dynamics department — though comparing Kizashi's handling to that of Accord or Camry is like comparing the athleticism of a ninja assassin to an overweight curler.

So, when's it coming?

Suzuki officials say Kizashi will launch soon in a loaded package with pricing from under $30,000.

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Coast to coast in a 4Runner

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Comedian Ron James loves his 1999 Toyota 4Runner.

Ron James has made a career out of making Canadians laugh from coast to coast. The veteran comedian never grows tired of his frenetic schedule, despite his 70 sold out shows across the country this year.

"Just to see people and talk to people. Getting to meet real people in the place they live," is one of the joys of James' career. For the past decade he's travelled to most of his engagements in his trusty 1999 Toyota 4Runner.

"I've driven a lot of highways and byways and it's been just an impregnable vehicle," says the native of Glace Bay, N. S., who's never been a "high-end car guy."

"It's the most reputable and consistent (vehicle)," he says of his Toyota. "When I get something and it's dependable, I stay with it." Because he spends so much time on the road, and has to contend with harsh winter driving conditions for standup gigs all over Canada, James, who lives with his family in Toronto, loves having an SUV.

Tomorrow night, the award-winning writer and actor's eponymous sketch comedy TV show will air it's New Years Eve Special, and it promises to have audiences in stitches.

And with a new year about to begin, James has his sights set on film and writing a book.

"I just have to find the time. I gotta be locked away in my writer's cave," he says. And without a moment's pause, he adds with the type of humour his legions of fans have come to love: "Hopefully my arthritic right toe won't be getting any worse."

The Ron James New Years Eve Special airs tomorrow night at 9 p.m. on CBC.

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

Expedia drops prices on Sun&Ski packages

Expedia is now offering a Sun&Ski promotion, which includes cruise deals, for up to 30 per cent off, at nearly 1,000 hotels around the world in sunny destinations, and at more than 100 top hotels in ski destinations in the U.S. and Canada. Travel must be booked by Feb. 29, and completed by Mar. 31. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Best in travel for the year ahead

With a new compact format Lonely Planet's Best In Travel 2010 presents the top countries, regions and cities to visit in 2010. The guide ($15.99) outlines the best places to go and things to do all around the world right now. It offers a 2010 travel planner with over 30 adventures mapped out month-by-month. And it contains the best travel experiences for the year ahead, from wildlifewatching in South Africa to catching a space flight launched from the Mojave Desert. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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5 Top destinations for 2010

Vancouver Olympics, South Africa's World Cup to dominate travel choices next year

Forecasts for 2010 predict that more people will be travelling, but the numbers are still well below what they were before the recession. Still, if you can afford to get away, interesting events will draw visitors to destinations around the world, from Shanghai to South Africa to Vancouver

And here's a surprise: Mexico is turning up on many top 5 lists for 2010, despite the swine flu epidemic and worries over drug violence.

Several destinations will be in the tourism spotlight in 2010 thanks to headline-grabbing events, including the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Feb. 12-28; the FIFA World Cup soccer games in South Africa, for a month beginning June 11; and the Shanghai Expo, May 1-Oct. 31, a 21st century world's fair that organizers are hoping will attract as many as 70 million visitors.

Another destination that will get attention in 2010 is Oberammergau, Germany, the locals have performed where the oldest continually acted Passion play in Europe roughly every 10 years since the 1600s. The show will be staged May through October, and is typically seen by a half-million people.

And finally, never mind that worries about swine flu and drug violence led to a 12.5 per cent decline in air travel to Mexico by North American citizens — Lonely Planet's top 10 list for 2010 declares that "H1N1 is so 2009," and puts Mexico as the No. 4 destination for the new year, adding that it's "still a good bargain, easy to get to for most North Americans."

Must see travel spots in 2010

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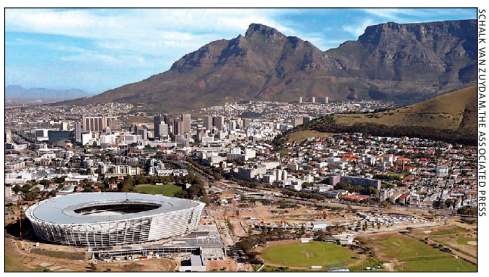
Over 2 million people are expected to attend the Olympics.



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South Africa is expecting 3 million fans to attend the World Cup.

Domestic leisure travel is expected to increase two per cent in 2010, with an increase in leisure travel spending of nearly five per cent.

That bodes well for B.C. and Vancouver as the Olympics make it the hot spot for Canadians to travel to this year.

Forgo the pricey downtown hotels and instead look into renting an apartment for a week or a weekend.

It will run you as much as $1,500 a weekend but if you go with a few friends you will save on food and not have to deal with the crowded hotels. Check craigslist.org for listings.

Tourism authorities in Zimbabwe said recently they had contracted 4,000 home owners around the country to lease their properties for the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals.

The region is falling short on hotel accommodation.

"South Africa is expecting more than half a million soccer fans during the 2010 World Cup … Hence, it has become necessary to come up with mechanisms for Zimbabwe to provide comfortable accommodation," Sylvester Maunganidze, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, said.

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The Shanghai Expo will put Chinese culture on display for the world to see in 2010.

Some 40,000 people of the millions expected to visit the Shanghai Expo 2010 will stop by the Peruvian pavilion and sample the country's rich and diverse cuisine. Peruvian cuisine, widely considered to be on a par with the French, Chinese and Indian cuisines, is one of the most diverse thanks to the country's pre-Inca and Inca heritages and to Spanish, African, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, French and British immigrants. There are more than 2,000 types of soups and 250 traditional desserts to choose from.

The good news for consumers is that PricewaterhouseCoopers is forecasting lower average daily rates ($95.79 in 2010 compared to $97.51 in 2009), due partly to increased competition from a larger supply of hotel rooms.

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Handling the new travel security measures

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Tasting Miami's Haitian flavour

Escape the glow of the trendy downtown to a neighbourhood of colourful Compas sounds

From his corner convenience store in Little Haiti, Ashraf Mashni sees a thriving Caribbean village.

It's a short drive inland from Miami's trendy South Beach and it lacks the glassy newness of the city's condo canyons downtown. The shabby neighbourhood can be tough, populated by "your good, your bad and your don't-know-no-better," he says.

But Little Haiti has something the rest of Miami is often accused of lacking: Authenticity.

CULTURE

The obvious place to start exploring Haitian culture in Miami is the Little Haiti neighbourhood, just north of the city's art districts.

While many Haitian-Americans have moved their homes and businesses north of the city, Little Haiti remains the community's cultural heart.

If South Beach is known for its neon, Little Haiti is known for the colourful storefront murals painted by Serge Toussaint.

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A mural of musician Wyclef Jean, painted by Serge Toussaint, adorns the wall of a Little Haiti store.

Look for his signature flourish — "$erge" — in the soda cans he paints into murals outside small grocery stores, and in the portraits he does of saints watching over botanicas, Haitian music stars outside clubs, and well-coiffed ladies smiling above beauty supply shops.

MUSIC

Compas — popular, jazzy Haitian dance music — often blares through the open doors of shops selling Haitian, Caribbean and African music and movies. Sometimes the sound of tin horns and conga drums comes from musicians jamming at a Little Haiti car wash — the home of Rara Lakay, a rara band that hosts a Voodoo celebration of the dead around Halloween.

FOOD

Maybe the best way to experience Haiti in Miami is to taste it in dishes like savory griot, or fried pork. In Haitian cuisine, beef, chicken and fish come fried, grilled or broiled in light sauces and spices, with slices of lime and helpings of rice and beans or plantains on the side.

In Little Haiti, join the locals meeting up for conch, shrimp, crab and oxtail at Chef Creole's outdoor counter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A traditional Haitian dish.

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Chef Creole's on 54th street.

If you go...

- A guided tour of Little Haiti and its businesses can be arranged at MiamiCulturalTours.com.
- Chef Creole: 200 NW 54th St., chefcreole.com
- Serge Toussaint's murals: sergesigns.vpweb.com

Travel in brief

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AIRLINE Readers of Global Traveler, a U.S.-based magazine aimed at business travellers, have named Air Canada the best airline in North America, followed by American Airlines in second place and Delta in third. Almost 26,000 readers voted in the magazine's annual survey, which ranked Singapore Airlines the best airline in the world. Air Canada says it has updated its international and North American fleets with new Boeing 777 and Embraer aircraft. It has also completed a major refurbishment of its existing fleets, with new seats and personal entertainment systems at each seat. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The Hidden Cost of Tickets and Accidents

Your Driving Record Impacts Your Car Insurance Rate

Just How Costly Are Tickets And Accidents?

Between paying fines, insurance deductibles, and other out-of-pocket expenses, most people understand tickets and accidents can be costly. What many people DON'T know is that there is usually another "hidden" cost which is just around the corner. It comes in the form of higher insurance rates. This is because insurance companies look at your driving record and insurance history, including any tickets or accidents you've had, as a key factor in setting their rates. And this is why drivers with cleaner driving records, on average, find they are able to obtain lower insurance rates.

Does This Mean I'm Doomed To Pay A Bundle?

NO! For the driver with tickets and accidents, there is good news and hope of lowering your rate. In fact, there are some drivers with tickets or accidents that are actually paying LESS than similar drivers with clean driving records. Certain insurance companies actually target this type of risk and have competitive rates. The trick is finding those companies – which is easier than you think…if you know where to look.

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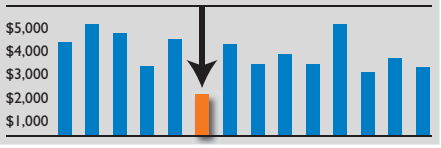

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Entertainment

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Embracing faded beauty

Twilight franchise takes bite out of bronzer as youth get ghostly

Love-struck fictional teenagers Bella Swan and Edward Cullen have cast their pale, brooding spell over cosmetics customers across Canada.

Retail stores are reporting a surge of demand for vampire-influenced makeup on the heels of the popular Twilight series.

Jane McKay, a senior artist with MAC Cosmetics in Toronto, says younger customers bewitched by the pallid lovers aren't coming for bronzer anymore. They want lighter foundation and pale powder. MAC will be launching a Pale 'n Dandy trend this spring to respond to the demand.

"I definitely think (Twilight) is where it started," McKay says.

"They're really influenced. They're in love with Bella, and they love the story, and I think it's almost crossed over into their real lives."

The first book in the vampire romance series became an instant best-seller when it was released in 2005 and the first two films in the series have sold about a half-billion dollars in movie tickets.

Edward and Bella are both described as having ghostly complexions in the books. He's a vampire and she's a resident of a rainy Pacific coast town.

In 2006, the year after the book's release, Sears Canada also began to notice a trend toward spectral foundations, says spokesperson Vincent Power.

Cosmetics companies are responding to consumer demand with new, paler products, he says. The Canadian brand Lise Watier, carried by Sears, has released illuminating powder and porcelain-shade foundation.

Retail stores are reporting a surge of demand for vampire-influenced makeup on the heels of the popular Twilight movies series, which stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

"I would say that the movie's popularity has only made this trend stronger and created additional demand for these items," Power says.

The first Twilight movie sold Marta Tryshak, a 21-year-old University of Toronto student, on Bella and Edward's faded beauty. Tryshak says she likes the pale skin tones, flushed cheeks and natural lip tones.

"Especially after the movie, it became so visually appealing."

It's a look she's seen gain popularity as a fashion blogger and as a consumer trying to get her own hands on Twilight-inspired beauty products.

In anticipation of the release of New Moon, the second movie in the series, Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix stores began carrying a limited edition makeup line called Luna Twilight in late October.

The products, including face and body glow, are selling very well, according to Tammy Smitham, a spokesperson for Shoppers Drug Mart. In fact, she says, many stores have sold out of the line.

"I would say that the movie's popularity has only made this trend stronger and created additional demand for these (cosmetics)."
Vincent Power, Sears Canada

Bella's embrace of natural beauty sends a positive message to young girls, Tryshak says, even if the whole vampire makeup phenomenon is a little otherworldly.

"I've never seen anybody imitate a novel character before," she says. "Nobody tried to imitate Harry Potter."

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Marilyn Manson settles lawsuit

MUSIC A contentious lawsuit between Marilyn Manson and former bandmate Stephen Bier has been settled without the multimillion judgment the keyboardist initially sought, court records show.

An agreement calls for attorneys representing Bier to be paid $380,000 US. Bier sued the shock rocker for $20 million in 2007, claiming the singer kept money from him and spent it to furnish a lavish lifestyle.

Jackson attorney's licence on hold

PEOPLE Records show an attorney handling Joe Jackson's bid to receive a monthly stipend from his son Michael's estate has had his law licence placed on probation for two years.

Last week's decision in California isn't related to Brian Oxman's work on the Jackson case. But the attorney will face scrutiny while he argues the Joe Jackson should receive more than $15,000 US a month. The discipline is for failing to drop a 2002 federal lawsuit and ignoring an order to pay sanctions.

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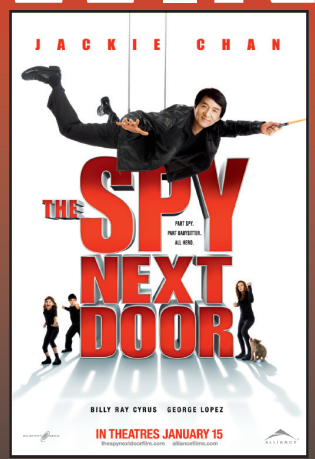

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Stars drawn to People's Choice

AWARDS Hugh Jackman, Taylor Lautner, Mariah Carey and Sandra Bullock are among the stars expected at next week's People's Choice Awards.

Steve Carell, Carrie Underwood, Ellen DeGeneres and LL Cool J are also set to attend the celebrity-filled ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. The show will be broadcast live on CBS. Executive producer Mark Burnett says the stars "are coming out in droves to thank the fans for their love and support." Queen Latifah will host the show.

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Allen crazy about directing

Tim Allen is one of America's favourite comics.

He's the guy who parlayed years of standup into the top-rated Home Improvement sitcom and The Santa Clause and Galaxy Quest films.

So why does the 56-year-old funnyman turn all serious when asked about his latest project? Maybe it has something to do with his level of involvement.

Allen makes his directorial debut in the comedy Crazy on the Outside, which opens next month. He also stars in the movie.

"I've got a lot on the line here. I financed this thing — private financing," Allen said. "I used Kevin Costner's model. He helped me through this — on how to direct it, how to put it out."

Besides Costner, Allen also consulted with director Barry Sonnenfeld and read books on directing written by Francis Ford Coppola, an Allen favourite.

Not only did he seek out advice from industry pals about working behind the camera, Allen also persuaded friends to get in front of it.

Sigourney Weaver, who worked alongside Allen on Galaxy Quest, and Allen's Wild Hogs co-star Ray Liotta have prominent roles in Crazy, which also features Kelsey Grammer and Julie Bowen.

Tim Allen

Liotta said the Crazy set was "loose and fun."

"He surrounded himself with great people," Liotta said. "If he called me again, I would definitely do it."

The movie opens with Allen's character being released from prison and follows him as he deals with life post-incarceration. Weaver plays his sister, Liotta his former partner in crime, Bowen his ex-flame and Grammer her fiance.

Allen is pleased with the finished product, calling it "a great romance" and "a very high-end comedy."

"I really worked hard to make it special," he said.

Allen also worked hard to promote it.

He travelled to eight cities over 10 days earlier this month, doing his standup act before screening Crazy on the Outside.

It was a unique twofer. After all, how many directors do standup?

The last stop on the tour was at a movie theatre in the Detroit suburb of Birmingham, not far from Allen's boyhood home.

There, he had the audience — including family members — in stitches, riffing on everything from U.S. President Barack Obama and Congress to bodily functions and superheroes.

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Hangover star on Broadway
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A hometown farewell

Rapper Lil Wayne puts on show for fans before heading to jail

Lil Wayne emerged as a top-selling musician known for his clever word-play and risque lyrics, but like rappers before him, he's staring down a year behind bars at the peak of his career.

The artist returned to his hometown of New Orleans for a performance Monday on what he's calling his farewell tour.

"I'm nothing without you," he told the screaming crowd of thousands of fans at the New Orleans Arena after opening the concert with A Milli, which last year earned him a Grammy for best rap solo.

Lil Wayne's next album, Rebirth, is due out Feb. 1

The 27-year-old rapper, whose real name is Dwayne Carter, pleaded guilty in October to a weapons possession charge and will be sentenced Feb. 9. His plea deal calls for a year in jail.

The charge stemmed from a 2007 traffic stop of his tour bus in New York when authorities said they smelled marijuana, and as they approached, he tossed aside a bag with a loaded .40-calibre handgun.

In a separate case, he also faces trial in March on felony drug possession and weapons charges in the state of Arizona. More recently, he had to postpone a show one day after authorities stopped two of his buses in Texas and found marijuana. The case has been referred to the sheriff's office.

As thousands of fans filed through the New Orleans Arena doors Monday, many said they were disappointed with the rapper's legal troubles.

"It's kinda sad, the stereotype and that he fell into it," said 19-year-old Lee Farrell of New Orleans.

Lil Wayne is set to follow some of rap music's biggest names — from Tupac Shakur, Lil' Kim, Beanie Sigel and Shyne to New Orleans natives Mystikal and C-Murder — who have served a few months to several years behind bars for crimes committed after they became famous.

Corey "C-Murder" Miller was convicted earlier this year of second-degree murder for the 2002 shooting of a fan during a nightclub brawl. He was sentenced to life in prison.

T.I. reported to a federal prison in May for his conviction on weapons charges. He is expected to serve a year and a day.

"I hope Lil Wayne will follow in T.I.'s footsteps," said 32-year-old Jed Wright, who brought his 11-year-old stepson to the show as a Christmas present. "T.I. promised to turn his life around. Lil Wayne can do the same thing."

Lil Wayne has been rapping since he was a teenager. Over the past two years, his career has reached new heights with several Grammys and gold records. His Tha Carter III topped all album sales in 2008 with 2.8 million copies sold. The record had the No. 1 smash Lollipop, and last year he won a Grammy for best rap solo for A Milli.

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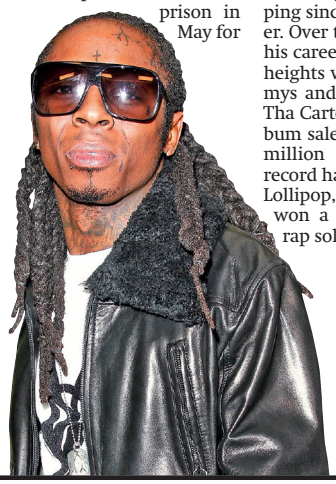

American rapper Lil Wayne, left, who pleaded guilty to a weapons possession charge, will be sentenced on Feb. 9.

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PERFORMANCE Second City, 51 Mercer St., presents Big Bad Wolf, a family musical, second-city.com.

MUSIC The U of T Battle of the Bands takes place tonight at Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor St. W.

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He's Just Not That Into You
Multiple stories explore modern foibles of romance in this comedy-drama based on a self-help book borne from a theme used in a "Sex and the City" episode. For all the big names on hand — from Drew Barrymore and Jennifer Aniston to Ben Affleck and Scarlett Johansson — the cast member who arguably fares best is Ginnifer Goodwin ("Big Love") as an insecure woman who interacts enjoyably with the character played by Justin Long. 9 PM on M1

Eight Days to Live
Based on a true story, this 2006 drama stars Kelly Rowan ("The O.C.") as a Vancouver mom who bucks the skeptical RCMP and her own family to track down her 19-year-old son. He's gone off the road in a remote area, and everybody but Mom thinks he's just taken off. When officials want to call off the search, she forces them to continue. Dustin Milligan and Shawn Doyle also star. 8 PM on CTV

Custody battle between Levi and Bristol

New court documents reveal a heated custody battle between Levi Johnston and Bristol Palin, who has petitioned for sole custody over their son Tripp — the grandson of former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, usmagazine.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Brand's Britain proposal

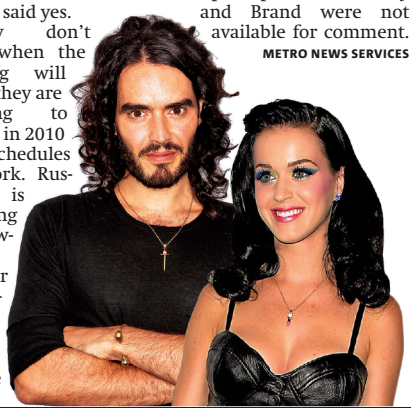
TYING THE KNOT Comedian Russell Brand has proposed to his pop star girlfriend Katy Perry, according to U.K. reports.

Brand, who began dating Perry in September, sparked rumours he would settle down with the I Kissed A Girl hitmaker after he was photographed shopping for a diamond ring at a Cartier jewellery store earlier this month, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

According to Britain's Daily Mirror, the Forgetting Sarah Marshall star proposed during Perry's trip to his native Britain last week. A source says, "He asked her to marry him last week and she quickly said yes.

"They don't know when the wedding will be but they are planning to make it in 2010 if the schedules can work. Russell is searching for a jewellery designer to create a ring in time for the New Year."

Spokespersons for Perry and Brand were not available for comment. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Underwood discusses her engagement on web

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS... IS A RING Carrie Underwood must have been a very good girl this year, because Santa brought her a pair of cozy socks, lots of holiday eats and an engagement to NHL player Mike Fisher, people.com reports.

Underwood, 26, who announced her engagement on Dec. 21, talked about it for the first time in a holiday posting on her website: "I think you all know what Santa left under the tree for me this year ... a fiancé! Woo hoo! Little Ace is finally going to have a dad! We all couldn't be happier!!!"

The country singer and her Ottawa Senator fiancé, 29, met in October 2008 after being introduced by mutual friends. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Celebrity tweets

Alicia Keys really enjoys vegging out, Katy Perry won't be misled any longer, Perez Hilton just wants everyone to be happy, and John Cleese is feeling his age.

- @aliciakeys Isn't sitting on the couch CHILLIN' one of the BEST feeling in the WORLD!??;-) that's me right now... ahhhhhhhhhhh!!!
- @katyperry TEA COMES FROM INDIA, CAN'T FOOL ME BRITS!
- @PerezHilton YOU are special. And you deserve someone special. I deserve someone special! Yes, even ME. And I will find him! Hopefully sooner than later!
- @JohnCleese Don't say I'm not hip. I'm very hip, in fact, I had a new one put in, and it's made me even hipper.

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Swift and Lautner are over

WASN'T MEANT TO BE The brief romance between Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner has come to an end after just a few months, according to Us Weekly. "It wasn't really developing into anything, and wasn't going to, so they decided they were better as friends," a source says. "There was no chemistry, and it felt contrived." The pair met on the set of their upcoming film, Valentine's Day. METRO WORLD NEWS

Dicaprio and Refaeli rekindle?

ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN? Leonardo Dicaprio has fuelled reports he's reunited with his supermodel ex Bar Refaeli after enjoying a sunshine getaway in Mexico over the holidays, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple dated for three years before splitting in June, but the stars were rumoured to have rekindled their romance in late November. And they sent gossips into a spin on Sunday when they were snapped holidaying together in Riviera Maya for the festive season.

DiCaprio allegedly agreed to give their relationship another go after the 24-year-old Israeli beauty reached out to the actor. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Will Holmes get a tattoo?

TO INK OR NOT TO INK Katie Holmes is reportedly desperate to get a tattoo after admiring one pal Victoria Beckham got on her wrist to celebrate her 10th anniversary, according to Hollyscoop. But Holmes won't be getting anything inked into her skin if husband Tom Cruise has anything to say about it. "He's desperately trying to talk her out of getting the tattoo," a source says. METRO WORLD NEWS

Jersey stealing Pratt's thunder

15 MINUTES OF FAME? Spencer Pratt, who rose to notoriety on the MTV series The Hills, is reportedly livid that the network's new series, Jersey Shore, is stealing his thunder. "Spencer can feel the press moving away from him and on to the cast members of Jersey Shore," a source tells Popeater. "He is desperate to keep his 15 minutes going." METRO WORLD NEWS

Getting ill is expensive

NOT YOUR AVERAGE SICK DAY Heather Locklear has learned that getting sick can be expensive — at least for her bosses. The producers of Melrose Place had to shell out a reported $600,000 US for rescheduled shooting after the actress was too ill to come to work, according to the National Enquirer.

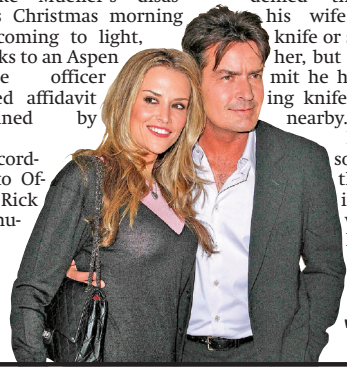
"Producers had arranged to shoot several of Heather's scenes at expensive locations in the Hollywood area," a source says. "But at the very last moment, Heather's reps called to say she wasn't feeling so hot, and wouldn't be in that day. It threw everyone on the set into an uproar. The producers went nuts." METRO WORLD NEWS

The Sheens Christmas fight

DOMESTIC DISASTER Details of Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller's disastrous Christmas morning are coming to light, thanks to an Aspen police officer signed affidavit obtained by TMZ.

According to Officer Rick Magnuson, both parties admitted they've been fighting since 3:30 a.m. Sheen denied threatening his wife with a knife or strangling her, but he did admit he had a folding knife in a bag nearby.

Magnuson found the four-inch weapon left in the open position. METRO WORLD NEWS



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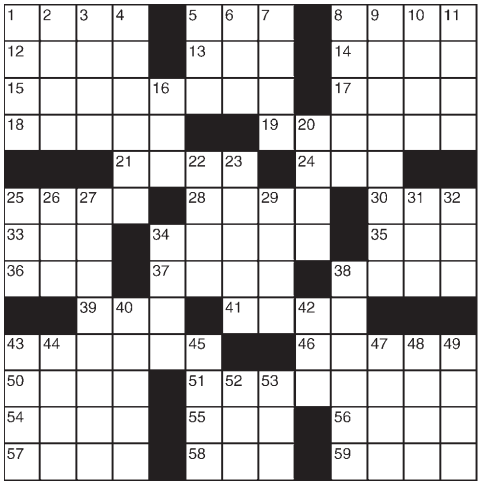

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

1	4			2	5	7		
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ACROSS

1 Culture medium
5 Third degree?
8 Gunk
12 Lyricist's inspiration
13 Baby shad?
14 Golf target
15 Thriving location
17 Top-notch
18 Breathlessness?
19 Jefferson or Paine
21 Uninteresting
24 Doctrine
25 Indolent
28 Source
30 Nay canceler
33 Id counterpart
34 Appears ominously
35 Heavy weight
36 "Zip-a-Dee- —-Dah"
37 Hathaway or Heche
38 Vendetta
39 "— Doubtfire"
41 MIT grad, often
43 Courteous
46 Relinquish
50 Hearty quaffs
51 "2012" subject
54 Flirtatious gesture
55 Wander
56 Toy with a tail
57 Inquisitive
58 — out a living
59 Progeny

DOWN

1 Actress Jessica
2 Semi-sticky stuff
3 Bard's river
4 Cure
5 Expert
6 "In what way?"
7 Fender bender
8 Total disorder
9 Felix, to Oscar
10 Radius neighbour
11 Near-failing grades
16 Pitch
20 Smacks
22 "East of Eden" twin
23 "You Light Up My Life" singer Debby
25 Started
26 Past
27 Photog's gizmo
29 Portent
31 Thee
32 Finish
34 Final
38 Pats down
40 Dangerous
42 P.E. venue
43 King protector?
44 Hodgepodge
45 Advantage
47 Falco or McClurg
48 Tardy
49 Turned red?
52 Acorn provider
53 Praise in verse

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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5	6	8	2	3	1	4	7	9

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Quickie Quiche

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 lb (375 g) pre-rolled shortcrust pastry
3 1/2 oz (100 g) ham, sliced medium-thick and cut into small pieces
4 scallions, sliced
2 eggs
2/3 cup (150 ml) 1% milk
4 tbsp (60 ml) whipping cream
3 1/2 oz (100 g) extra-mature cheddar cheese, grated

METHOD:

1. If time allows, leave pastry, still wrapped, at room temperature for 20 minutes (this makes it easier to unroll without cracking). Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C), and put baking sheet inside to heat. Lift roll of pastry over 8-in. (20-cm) flan pan and gently unroll. Carefully press pastry onto base and sides of pan. Neatly trim overhanging pastry with sharp knife. Use baking parchment to line pastry base roughly and cover with baking beans or scrunched up foil. Put on baking sheet and bake 10 minutes. Remove paper and beans or foil and bake for further 5 minutes.
2. While pastry is baking, mix ham with onions. Break eggs into bowl with milk, cream and seasoning. Whisk lightly.
3. Sprinkle half the cheese over base of pastry case, then top with onion and ham. Scatter remaining cheese on top. Return flan to baking sheet and pour egg mixture over filling. Bake 30 minutes or until golden and just firm to touch.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You don't change often but when you do you throw the rule book out of the window, and that's what you intend to do this coming new year.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If what you intend to do is controversial you must accept that you are on your own. Anyone who thinks you need approval does not know you.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You need to get some sort of balance in your life so you are not being constantly pulled this way and that. It won't be easy but it can be done.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Something will happen over the next 48 hours that has a profound effect on you. Your long-term ambitions, in particular, will change beyond recognition.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Leos can be ruthless when the need arises and the approaching lunar eclipse will encourage you to cut out of your life anything that is no longer fit for purpose.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will go out of your way to break any rule you do not agree with today and, inevitably, it will bring you into conflict with people in positions of authority.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Tomorrow's lunar eclipse is sure to make you emotional and because it occurs in the career area of your chart you may say and do things that annoy people.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The next move you make will affect your life in unforeseen ways, so think before you act and act only if you are sure you know what you are doing.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There are major changes taking place in the world, and not all of them are to your liking. The good news is you will benefit in ways you cannot yet see.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Tomorrow's eclipse takes place in your opposite sign of Cancer someone is sure to pour cold water on your ambitions but only because they are jealous.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be wary of people who promise to pay you back tomorrow. They may have every intention but how do you know they will be able to?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may have what it takes to finish a task that has defeated many before you, but why tackle it alone when you've got friends who can help?

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1993: Israel and the Vatican establish diplomatic relations.
1981: In the 39th game of his the season Wayne Gretzky scores five goals giving him 50 on the year setting a new NHL record previously held by Maurice Richard and Mike Bossy who earlier had each scored 50 goals in 50 games.
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